

Part D – Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (Part D-IRMAA)

Starting January 1, 2011, the Affordable Care Act amended the Social Security Act by establishing an income related monthly adjustment amount under the Part D program (Part D-IRMAA). The Part D-IRMAA is an amount added to the monthly Part D premium for individuals whose modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts. This rule applies to part D coverage you get from Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, or from a Medicare Advantage Plan or Medicare Cost plan that includes Medicare prescription drug coverage. If an individual's modified adjusted gross income as reported on their IRS tax return from 2 years ago (the most recent tax return information provided to Social Security by the IRS) is above \$85,000 (and you file an individual tax return) or \$170,000 (and you file a joint tax return), you will pay an income-related monthly adjustment amount in addition to your Part D plan premium. The following table shows the 2017 Part D income-related monthly adjustment amounts to paid by beneficiaries who file individual or joint tax returns.

	Beneficiaries who file individual tax returns with income that is:	Beneficiaries who file joint tax returns with income that is:	Part D-Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount will be:
Income Threshold Tier 1	Less than or equal to \$85,000	Less than or equal to \$170,000	\$0.00
Income Threshold Tier 2	Greater than \$85,000 and less than or equal to \$107,000	Greater than \$170,000 and less than or equal to \$214,000	\$13.30
Income Threshold Tier 3	Greater than \$107,000 and less than or equal to \$160,000	Greater than \$214,000 and less than or equal to \$320,000	\$34.20
Income Threshold Tier 4	Greater than \$160,000 and less than or equal to \$214,000	Greater than \$320,000 and less than or equal to \$428,000	\$55.20
Income Threshold Tier 5	Greater than \$214,000	Greater than \$428,000	\$76.20
	Beneficiaries who are married but file separate tax returns:		
Income Threshold Tier 1	Less than or equal to \$85,000		\$0.00
Income Threshold Tier 2	Greater than \$85,000 and less than or equal to \$129,000		\$55.20
Income Threshold	Greater than \$129,000		\$76.20

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How will I know if I have to pay IRMAA?

Social Security will send a letter if you have to pay an extra amount for your Medicare prescription drug coverage. This letter will explain how they determined the amount you must pay and the actual IRMAA amount. (Social Security looks at the most recent tax return information provided by the IRS which is from 2 years ago.)

If you disagree with the amount you must pay, you must contact Social Security. The Part D plan does not determine who will be subject to the Part D-IRMAA.

2. Can I pay my Medicare prescription drug plan premium and my Part D-IRMAA premium together?

No. By law, the income-related monthly adjustment amount (IRMAA) is deducted from your Social Security, Railroad Retirement Board, or Office of Personnel Management benefit checks if your monthly payment can cover this amount. If not, you will get a bill from Medicare. The drug plan is responsible for billing you for the monthly Part D premium not related to IRMAA. Since these amounts are billed and collected by two separate entities, you will get two separate bills and need to pay each of them separately.

3. Will an individual be charged for Part D-IRMAA if they do not have a Medicare Prescription drug plan?

If an individual does not have or no longer has Medicare drug coverage, they shouldn't be charged the Part D-IRMAA.